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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Fields, *et al.*

Serial No. 09/171,432

Filed: November 23, 1998

For: ANTIGENICALLY REACTIVE
REGIONS OF THE HEPATITIS A
VIRUS POLYPROTEIN

Group Art Unit: 1642

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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December 30, 2002

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated July 30, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

70. (Thrice amended) An isolated, antigenically reactive hepatitis A virus (HAV) peptide, the antigenically reactive peptide comprising an amino acid sequence of a portion of an HAV protein selected from the group consisting of the VP3 protein of HAV corresponding to amino acids 246 to